

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;  
 that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention which is the subject of an application entitled: A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTED NETWORKS HAVING A LINEAR TOPOLOGY, ESPECIALLY RAILWAYS; said invention being described and claimed [ ] in the attached specification [X] in the specification of application Serial No. 09/042,722, filed March 17, 1998; that I have reviewed and understand the content of said specification including the claims; that I do not know and do not believe the said invention was ever known or used in the United States before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to said application; that said invention was not in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to said application; that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said application in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said application; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56; and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States prior to said application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application listed below:

<u>U.S. Provisional Application S.N.</u>	<u>60/040,586</u>	<u>filed March 17, 1997</u>
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